



## *The Village of Biscayne Park*

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**DATE:** November 9, 2017

**TO:** Mayor and Commissioners

**FROM:** Krishan Manners, Village Manager

**RE:** Village Update

Mayor and Commissioners:

Following is an update of items underway this week in the Village. Also, all Village Departments will be closed on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day.

- **Hurricane Irma Recovery:**

The grinder used to shred debris has broken, so we have lost a couple days of mulching while it is being repaired. Grubbs is still having difficulty finding trucks to haul the mulch to the dump. Our contract price is considerably less than what is being paid locally for debris hauling and Grubbs has not found trucks to work for this price. I have reached out to FEMA regarding the pricing issue to make certain we will be reimbursed if we increase our price to a competitive rate for hauling. FEMA responded that we would only be reimbursed for the contracted price. We are gathering information to appeal this with FEMA in order to get the mulch removed to a DEP approved site in Pompano. As a backup plan, an RFP is being prepared for bids on hauling in order to find a hauler that meets FEMA procurement requirements.

Thanks to all of the residents for working with us during this time of recovery and enduring the noise and dust created by the debris. Please be extraordinarily cautious around these debris piles with anything that could generate a spark.

- **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR):**

Alberni Caballero & Fierman LLP is officially the Auditors as of this week. They have already requested preliminary information to begin working on the 2016 CAFR. When the 2016 CAFR is complete, work will begin on the 2017 CAFR.

- **FINANCE:**

Beatrice Galeano, our Finance Director, has resigned for (happy) personal reasons. We thank her for all of the hard work and wish her the very best! Governmental Management Services has been hired to replace Beatrice and Beatrice is continuing to assist to make this a smooth transition. GMS was chosen because they have the depth of knowledge in fund accounting as well as 20 employees to get all of our finances compliant as quickly as possible. Additionally, their abundance of staff provides the Village with continuity and uninterrupted service should one person leave the company. GMS began working



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today on all aspects of our finances, including accounts payable and preparation for payroll, CITT and FMIT audits.

- **CODE:**

Code Officer Pinero is still assisting with debris clean up as well as her regular Code duties. Code Officer Caserta is working administratively to streamline our code process, our computer system and organizing the administrative side of the department.

- **POLICE:**

**Police Department's Statistics for the Period**

**Total Cases: 24**

Total Cases by Category

Alarms: 4

Assist another Agency: 3

Sick/ Injured Person: 1

Suspicious Person/Vehicle: 4

Information/ Non-Criminal Investigation: 8

Traffic crash: 0

Vehicle Burglary: 4

Grand Theft: 0

Arrest: 0

**Significant Activity: 0**

**No significant incidents for this period.**

- **PARKS & RECREATION:**

With a successful Halloween event behind us, we have turned our attention and preparation to the upcoming events- Movie Night in the Park on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> and WinterFest on Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup>. Some wonderful local vendors are locked in for food (e.g. LongTail Acai Bowls and Smoothies, Pizza Point) and our Zumba instructor will offer a short free class for Movie Night attendees. Popcorn, candy, etc., will also be available at our concession stand.

Next up is WinterFest as we prepare for Santa's annual visit and an activity filled day in the park!!



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- **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Public Works removed debris from the alley between NE 119<sup>th</sup> Street & 120<sup>th</sup> Street between 9<sup>th</sup> Ave & 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. Painted Silicone on the roof of the Rec. Center shed to prevent leaks. They also removed a pile of debris on NE 119<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Cut, edged & weed-eat medians Village-wide. Routine maintenance throughout the Village continues.

- **ADMINISTRATION:**

Administration continues to work with the State and FEMA reviewing regulations/procedures to maximize reimbursement for storm debris removal. FEMA representatives met this week with the Village Manager and Cesar Hernandez from Public Works to review what has been done so far. We continue to work on preparing our submittals for reimbursement.